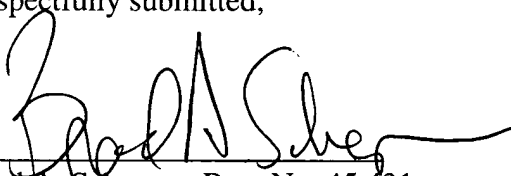


REMARKS

The first paragraph of the specification has been amended to reflect the priority data associated with the subject application. Additionally, various informalities have been corrected in the specification. No new matter has been added to the subject application. Claims 1-30 have been cancelled without prejudice for possible consideration in a continuing application. New claim 31 has been added.

In view of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment, consideration of the present application, now including claim 31, is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes there are any outstanding matters that can be addressed in a telephonic interview, the undersigned would welcome such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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